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PRODUCES A USEFUL SOIL AMENDMENT,
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OF THE SAME AND RESULTING SOLIDS

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PROVISIONAL ELECTION OF GROUP V:

Applicant requests that the Examiner conduct the examination of the above referenced application based on Group V which is directed to a vermiculture feed composition.

TRAVERSAL OF RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT:

Applicant traverses the restriction requirement on the grounds that the Examiner will not incur an undue burden, which is one of the two requirements for supporting a restriction requirement as noted in the Manual for Patent Examining Procedure § 803. It is respectfully